The President declared a major disaster in Kentucky and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, flooding on April 16.

May 1

In the morning, the President traveled to San Jose, CA, where he toured Therma, Inc., and participated in a roundtable discussion with employees.

In the evening, the President traveled to Portola Valley, CA, where he attended a Democratic National Committee dinner.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted April 28

Mari Carmen Aponte,

of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Dominican Republic.

E. William Crotty,

of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the State of Grenada, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Jeffrey Davidow,

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Mexico. John O'Leary,

of Maine, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Chile.

Arthur Louis Schechter,

of Texas, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas

Submitted April 29

Michael Craig Lemmon,

of Florida, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Armenia.

Lynette Norton,

of Pennsylvania, to be U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, vice Maurice B. Cohill, Jr., retired.

Rudolf Vilem Perina.

of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Moldova.

Jeffrey G. Stark,

of New York, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, vice R. Kenton Musgrave, retired.

Submitted May 1

Natalia Combs Greene,

of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Stephen F. Eilperin.

Neal E. Kravitz,

of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of 15 years, vice Paul Rainey Webber III, term expired.

Withdrawn May 1

Kevin Emanuel Marchman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Joseph Shuldiner, which was sent to the Senate on March 19, 1997, and on January 29, 1998.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released April 25

Statement by Counsel to the President Charles Ruff on Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's interview of Hillary Clinton

Released April 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Released April 28

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Transcript of a press briefing by National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling and Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel on Social Security reform

Statement by the Press Secretary: AmeriCare Humanitarian Mission to Iraq

Released April 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Mike McCurry

Announcement of nominations for U.S. Court of International Trade Judge and U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Announcement of the text of the citation for the Presidential Citizens Medal awarded to Albert Abramson

Released May 1

Advance text of remarks by National Security Adviser Samuel Berger at the Brookings Institution, entitled "The Price of American Leadership"

Announcement of nominations for District of Columbia Superior Court Judges

Acts Approved by the President

Approved April 27

S. 1178 / Public Law 105-173

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify and extend the visa waiver pilot program, and to provide for the collection of data with respect to the number of non immigrants who remain in the United States after the expiration of the period of stay authorized by the Attorney General

Approved May 1

H.R. 3579 / Public Law 105–174 1998 Supplemental Appropriations and Rescissions Act